

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the June 2013 Meeting

Planning Applications: At the June meeting there was only one planning application for consideration, namely: FUL/MAL/13/00424 Great Canney farm, Hackmans lane, Cold Norton – change of use of redundant former agricultural building to B1 use. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions: There was also only one decision from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: HOUSE/MAL/13/00248 26 Station Crescent, Cold Norton - Reinstate open trellis over existing fence alongside Public Footpath on North West boundary and erect new fence along two separate sections of the Northern boundary facing Latchingdon Road. Maldon district Council approved both elements of this application. The Parish Council had not objected to the open trellis proposal but had objected to the erection of two sections of new fence on Latchingdon Road (by the railway bridge). The Parish Council is asking MDC to reconsider their decision.

Maldon District Council Local Development Plan: the second public consultation for this is due to out in August 2013 – please look out for it and have your say in this very important consultation.

Neighbourhood Watch: Carole Kirk has very kindly offered to take on the role of NW Co-ordinator for Cold Norton.

Vandalism: there was a second act of vandalism to the fencing surrounding the Pre School free flow play area. A new panel has now been installed and the Police will continue to make regular visits. If you saw anything, or know who was responsible for either of the two incidents, please contact the Police and /or the Parish Council.

Footpath Map: this is now complete and a copy will be delivered to every home in the village. It contains all the Public Rights of Way Footpaths and two Heritage walks. Guides to the two Heritage walks will be added to the web site as soon as possible. If you do not want a copy of the map, please do not throw in the bin, please return to the Clerk or contact the Clerk to have it collected from you (details at end).

Broadband: following on from the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting, please visit the website www.superfastessex.org and register for better broadband for Cold Norton by completing a short survey.

Public Meeting – Police & Crime Commissioner: Stewart Rivers, Chairman of the Parish Council attended this on 13th May 2013 and reported back to the Members: Maldon District is the 5th safest place to live in the UK, where all crime has reduced by 3.9% (92 fewer offences), theft from vehicles is down by 12.3% (44 fewer offences), criminal damage reduced by 15% (59 fewer offences) and anti-social behaviour incidents down by 11.6% (177 fewer incidents). Essex Police aim to attend 90% of all emergency calls within 15 minutes in urban areas and 20 minutes in rural areas – in the last year in the Chelmsford & Maldon areas they achieved 86.2% of this target. Core response policing is based in Chelmsford, but local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to cover this area are based in Maldon, Southminster and South Woodham Ferrers – Maldon Police Station is now open Monday to Friday

12noon to 6pm. The Essex Police & Crime Commissioner's priorities for 2013/14 are:

- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Reducing domestic abuse
- Supporting victims of crime
- Reducing youth offending and re-offending in general
- Tackling the consequences of alcohol and drugs abuse, and mental health issues
- Improving road safety
- Improving crime prevention
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and Innovation

The Commissioner plans to hold similar public meetings every 6 months.

Web Site: apologies, but due to extreme technical difficulties this is not up to date and some reports cannot be accessed. Measures are in hand to rectify this as soon as possible.

Parish Council Meetings: Scheduled or provisionally scheduled for 2013: Wednesdays 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd November and 4th December. Meetings start at 8pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Members of the Public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

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